

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - ENFORCEMENT MATTER

DOCKET NO.: 2009-1177-MSW-E TCEQ ID: RN100817873 CASE NO.: 38043

RESPONDENT NAME: VILLAGE FARMS, L.P. dba Village Farms of Marfa

ORDER TYPE:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1660 AGREED ORDER	<input type="checkbox"/> FINDINGS AGREED ORDER	<input type="checkbox"/> FINDINGS ORDER FOLLOWING SOAH HEARING
<input type="checkbox"/> FINDINGS DEFAULT ORDER	<input type="checkbox"/> SHUTDOWN ORDER	<input type="checkbox"/> IMMEDIATE AND SUBSTANTIAL ENDANGERMENT ORDER
<input type="checkbox"/> AMENDED ORDER	<input type="checkbox"/> EMERGENCY ORDER	
CASE TYPE:		
<input type="checkbox"/> AIR	<input type="checkbox"/> MULTI-MEDIA (check all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL AND HAZARDOUS WASTE
<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY	<input type="checkbox"/> PETROLEUM STORAGE TANKS	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPATIONAL CERTIFICATION
<input type="checkbox"/> WATER QUALITY	<input type="checkbox"/> SEWAGE SLUDGE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE	<input type="checkbox"/> RADIOACTIVE WASTE	<input type="checkbox"/> DRY CLEANER REGISTRATION
<p>SITE WHERE VIOLATION(S) OCCURRED: Village Farms of Marfa, located at State Highway 17 North, Marfa, Presidio County</p> <p>TYPE OF OPERATION: Hydroponic tomato farm</p> <p>SMALL BUSINESS: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>OTHER SIGNIFICANT MATTERS: There are no complaints. There is no record of additional pending enforcement actions regarding this facility location.</p> <p>INTERESTED PARTIES: No one other than the ED and the Respondent has expressed an interest in this matter.</p> <p>COMMENTS RECEIVED: The <i>Texas Register</i> comment period expired on December 21, 2009. No comments were received.</p> <p>CONTACTS AND MAILING LIST: TCEQ Attorney/SEP Coordinator: Mr. Phillip Hampsten, SEP Coordinator, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-6732 TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Mr. Clinton Sims, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 6, MC 128, (512) 239-6933; Ms. Cari-Michel La Caille, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-1387 Respondent: Mr. Jan Korteland, Vice President and Facility Manager, VILLAGE FARMS, L.P., P.O. Box 1309, Fort Davis, Texas 79734 Mr. Michael E. Bledsoe, Ph.D., Vice President Regulatory Affairs, VILLAGE FARMS, L.P., 400 International Parkway, Suite 130, Heathrow, Florida 32746 Respondent's Attorney: Not represented by counsel on this enforcement matter</p>		

VIOLATION SUMMARY CHART:		
VIOLATION INFORMATION	PENALTY CONSIDERATIONS	CORRECTIVE ACTIONS TAKEN/REQUIRED
<p>Type of Investigation: <input type="checkbox"/> Complaint <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Routine <input type="checkbox"/> Enforcement Follow-up <input type="checkbox"/> Records Review</p> <p>Date(s) of Complaints Relating to this Case: None</p> <p>Date of Investigation Relating to this Case: June 9, 2009</p> <p>Date of NOV/NOE Relating to this Case: July 10, 2009 (NOB)</p> <p>Background Facts: This was a routine investigation.</p> <p>WASTE</p> <p>Failure to prevent the unauthorized disposal of municipal solid waste. Specifically, approximately 350 tons (2,100 cubic yards) of baled tomato plants were disposed of at an unauthorized facility located at 1500 Evans Ranch Road, Fort Davis, Jeff Davis County, Texas [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 330.15(c)].</p>	<p>Total Assessed: \$4,600</p> <p>Total Deferred: \$920 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expedited Settlement <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Inability to Pay</p> <p>SEP Conditional Offset: \$1,840</p> <p>Total Paid to General Revenue: \$1,840</p> <p>Site Compliance History Classification <input type="checkbox"/> High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Average <input type="checkbox"/> Poor</p> <p>Person Compliance History Classification <input type="checkbox"/> High <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Average <input type="checkbox"/> Poor</p> <p>Major Source: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Applicable Penalty Policy: September 2002</p>	<p>Corrective Actions Taken:</p> <p>The Executive Director recognizes that the Respondent completed the removal and disposal of the municipal solid waste to an authorized facility on July 13, 2009.</p> <p>Ordering Provisions:</p> <p>The Order will require the Respondent to implement and complete a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP). (See SEP Attachment A)</p>

Additional ID No(s): 1890013

Attachment A

Docket Number: 2009-1177-MSW-E

SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

Respondent: VILLAGE FARMS, L.P. dba Village Farms of Marfa
Payable Penalty Amount: Three Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$3,680)
SEP Amount: One Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Dollars (\$1,840)
Type of SEP: Pre-approved
Third-Party Recipient: Texas Association of Resource Conservation and Development Areas, Inc. ("RC&D")- Unauthorized Trash Dump Clean-Up
Location of SEP: Presidio County

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("TCEQ") agrees to offset a portion of the administrative Penalty Amount assessed in this Agreed Order for the Respondent to contribute to a Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP"). The offset is equal to the SEP Amount set forth above and is conditioned upon completion of the project in accordance with the terms of this Attachment A.

1. **Project Description**

A. Project

The Respondent shall contribute to the Third-Party Recipient pursuant to the agreement between the Third-Party Recipient and the TCEQ. Specifically, the contribution will be used to coordinate with city and/or county governmental officials regarding the clean up of sites where trash has been disposed of illegally. Eligible sites will be limited to those where a responsible party can not be identified and where there is no pre-existing obligation to clean up the site by the owner or the government. Additionally, reasonable efforts must have already been taken to prevent the dumping. SEP monies will be used to pay for the direct cost of collection and disposal of debris. All dollars contributed will be used solely for the direct cost of the project and no portion will be spent on administrative costs. The SEP will be done in accordance with all federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations.

The Respondent certifies that there is no prior commitment to do this project and that it is being performed solely in an effort to settle this enforcement action.

B. Environmental Benefit

This SEP will provide a discernible environmental benefit by helping rid communities of the dangers and health threats associated with non-regulated trash dumps which contaminate air and water, and harbor disease carrying animals and insects.

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C. Minimum Expenditure

The Respondent shall contribute at least the SEP Amount to the Third-Party Recipient and comply with all other provisions of this SEP.

2. **Performance Schedule**

Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, the Respondent must contribute the SEP Amount to the Third-Party Recipient. The Respondent shall mail the contribution, with a copy of the Agreed Order, to:

Texas Association of Resource Conservation and Development Areas, Inc.
1716 Briarcrest Drive, Suite 510
Bryan, Texas 77802-2700

3. **Records and Reporting**

Concurrent with the payment of the SEP Amount, the Respondent shall provide the TCEQ SEP Coordinator with a copy of the check and transmittal letter indicating full payment of the SEP Amount to the Third-Party Recipient. The Respondent shall mail a copy of the check and transmittal letter to:

Enforcement Division
Attention: SEP Coordinator, MC 219
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

4. **Failure to Fully Perform**

If the Respondent does not perform its obligations under this SEP in any way, including full payment of the SEP Amount and submittal of the required reporting described in Section 3 above, the Executive Director may require immediate payment of all or part of the SEP Amount.

The check for any amount due shall be made out to "Texas Commission on Environmental Quality" and mailed to:

Litigation Division
Attention: SEP Coordinator, MC 175
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13088
Austin, Texas 78711-3088

The Respondent shall also mail a copy of the check to the TCEQ SEP Coordinator at the address in Section 3 above.

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5. Publicity

Any public statements concerning this SEP made by or on behalf of the Respondent must include a clear statement that the project was performed as part of the settlement of an enforcement action brought by the TCEQ. Such statements include advertising, public relations, and press releases.

6. Clean Texas Program

The Respondent shall not include this SEP in any application made to TCEQ under the "Clean Texas" (or any successor) program(s). Similarly, the Respondent may not seek recognition for this contribution in any other state or federal regulatory program.

7. Other SEPs by TCEQ or Other Agencies

The SEP identified in this Agreed Order has not been, and shall not be, included as an SEP for the Respondent under any other Agreed Order negotiated with the TCEQ or any other agency of the state or federal government.



Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

PCW Revision October 30, 2009

DATES	Assigned	20-Jul-2009	Screening	26-Jul-2009	EPA Due	
	PCW	30-Jul-2009				

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION			
Respondent	VILLAGE FARMS, L.P. dba Village Farms of Marfa		
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN100817873		
Facility/Site Region	6-EI Paso	Major/Minor Source	Minor

CASE INFORMATION			
Enf./Case ID No.	38043	No. of Violations	1
Docket No.	2009-1177-MSW-E	Order Type	1660
Media Program(s)	Municipal Solid Waste	Government/Non-Profit	No
Multi-Media		Enf. Coordinator	Clinton Sims
		EC's Team	Enforcement Team 7
Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum	\$0	Maximum	\$10,000

Penalty Calculation Section

TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties) Subtotal 1

ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1

Subtotals 2-7 are obtained by multiplying the Total Base Penalty (Subtotal 1) by the Indicated percentage.

Compliance History Enhancement Subtotals 2, 3, & 7

Notes

Culpability Enhancement Subtotal 4

Notes

Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments Subtotal 5

Economic Benefit Enhancement* Subtotal 6

Total EB Amounts Approx. Cost of Compliance *Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount

SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7 Final Subtotal

OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE Adjustment

Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

Notes

Final Penalty Amount

STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT Final Assessed Penalty

DEFERRAL Reduction Adjustment

Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicated percentage. (Enter number only; e.g. 20 for 20% reduction.)

Notes

PAYABLE PENALTY

Screening Date 26-Jul-2009

Docket No. 2009-1177-MSW-E

PCW

Respondent VILLAGE FARMS, L.P. dba Village Farms of Marfa

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

Case ID No. 38043

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN100817873

Media [Statute] Municipal Solid Waste

Enf. Coordinator Clinton Sims

Compliance History Worksheet

>> **Compliance History Sife Enhancement (Subtotal 2)**

Component	Number of...	Enter Number Here	Adjust.
NOVs	Written NOVs with same or similar violations as those in the current enforcement action <i>(number of NOVs meeting criteria)</i>	0	0%
	Other written NOVs	1	2%
Orders	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability <i>(number of orders meeting criteria)</i>	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final enforcement orders, agreed final enforcement orders without a denial of liability, or default orders of this state or the federal government, or any final prohibitory emergency orders issued by the commission	0	0%
Judgments and Consent Decrees	Any non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees containing a denial of liability of this state or the federal government <i>(number of judgements or consent decrees meeting criteria)</i>	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final court judgments and default judgments, or non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees without a denial of liability, of this state or the federal government	0	0%
Convictions	Any criminal convictions of this state or the federal government <i>(number of counts)</i>	0	0%
Emissions	Chronic excessive emissions events <i>(number of events)</i>	0	0%
Audits	Letters notifying the executive director of an intended audit conducted under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 <i>(number of audits for which notices were submitted)</i>	0	0%
	Disclosures of violations under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 <i>(number of audits for which violations were disclosed)</i>	0	0%

Please Enter Yes or No

Other	Environmental management systems in place for one year or more	No	0%
	Voluntary on-site compliance assessments conducted by the executive director under a special assistance program	No	0%
	Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program	No	0%
	Early compliance with, or offer of a product that meets future state or federal government environmental requirements	No	0%

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 2) 2%

>> **Repeat Violator (Subtotal 3)**

No

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 3) 0%

>> **Compliance History Person Classification (Subtotal 7)**

Average Performer

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 7) 0%

>> **Compliance History Summary**

Compliance History Notes

Enhancement for one NOV without same or similar violations.

Total Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7) 2%

Screening Date 26-Jul-2009	Docket No. 2009-1177-MSW-E	PCW	
Respondent VILLAGE FARMS, L.P. dba Village Farms of Marfa	<small>Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)</small>		
Case ID No. 38043	<small>PCW Revision October 30, 2008</small>		
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN100817873			
Media [Statute] Municipal Solid Waste			
Enf. Coordinator Clinton Sims			
Violation Number	1		
Rule Cite(s)	30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.15(c)		
Violation Description	Failed to prevent the unauthorized disposal of municipal solid waste. Specifically, approximately 350 tons (2,100 cubic yards) of baled tomato plants were disposed of at an unauthorized facility.		
Base Penalty		\$10,000	
>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix			
OR	Harm		
	Major	Moderate	Minor
Actual	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Potential	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Percent 25%
>> Programmatic Matrix			
Falsification			
Major Moderate Minor			
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>			Percent 0%
Matrix Notes	Human health or the environment has been exposed to significant amounts of pollutants which do not exceed levels that are protective of human health or environmental receptors as a result of the violation.		
Adjustment			\$7,500
			\$2,500
Violation Events			
Number of Violation Events		2	Number of violation days
		34	
<small>mark only one with an x</small>	daily	<input type="checkbox"/>	Violation Base Penalty \$5,000
	weekly	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	monthly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	quarterly	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	semiannual	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	annual	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	single event	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Two monthly events are recommended from the June 9, 2009 investigation date to the July 13, 2009 date of compliance.			
Good Faith Efforts to Comply			
		10.0% Reduction	\$500
		<small>Before NOV NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer</small>	
Extraordinary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ordinary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
N/A	<small>(mark with x)</small>		
Notes	The Respondent came into compliance on July 13, 2009.		
Violation Subtotal			\$4,500
Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation		Statutory Limit Test	
Estimated EB Amount		\$60	Violation Final Penalty Total \$4,600
This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits)			\$4,600

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent VILLAGE FARMS, L.P. dba Village Farms of Marfa
Case ID No. 38043
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN100817873
Media Municipal Solid Waste
Violation No. 1

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
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No commas or \$

Delayed Costs

Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal	\$12,897	9-Jun-2009	13-Jul-2009	0.09	\$60	n/a	\$60
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0

Notes for DELAYED costs

Estimated cost to remove and properly dispose of the municipal solid waste at an authorized facility. The Date Required is the investigation date and the Final Date is the date of compliance.

Avoided Costs

ANNUALIZE [1] avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs)

Disposal				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance [2]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs [3]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$12,897

TOTAL

\$60

Compliance History Report

Customer/Respondent/Owner-Operator: CN600500706 Village Farms, L.P. Classification: AVERAGE Rating: 1.87

Regulated Entity: RN100817873 VILLAGE FARMS OF MARFA Classification: AVERAGE Site Rating: 2.50

ID Number(s): PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM/SUPPLY REGISTRATION 1890013

Location: HWY 17 NORTH

TCEQ Region: REGION 06 - EL PASO

Date Compliance History Prepared: July 26, 2009

Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement

Compliance Period: July 26, 2004 to July 26, 2009

TCEQ Staff Member to Contact for Additional Information Regarding this Compliance History

Name: Clinton Sims Phone: 239 - 6933

Site Compliance History Components

1. Has the site been in existence and/or operation for the full five year compliance period? Yes
2. Has there been a (known) change in ownership/operator of the site during the compliance period? Yes
3. If Yes, who is the current owner/operator? Village Farms, L.P.
4. If Yes, who was/were the prior owner(s)/operator(s) ? Village Farms of Marfa
5. When did the change(s) in owner or operator occur? 07/17/2009
07/20/2009
6. Rating Date: 9/1/2008 Repeat Violator: NO

Components (Multimedia) for the Site :

- A. Final Enforcement Orders, court judgements, and consent decrees of the state of Texas and the federal government.
N/A
- B. Any criminal convictions of the state of Texas and the federal government.
N/A
- C. Chronic excessive emissions events.
N/A
- D. The approval dates of investigations. (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.)

1	10/19/2005	(432054)
2	05/31/2007	(536953)
3	05/02/2008	(654809)
4	01/09/2009	(722997)
5	07/02/2009	(748850)
- E. Written notices of violations (NOV). (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.)

Date:	10/31/2006	(515460)
Self Report?	NO	Classification: Major
Citation:	2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)(1)	
Description:	Failure to prevent an unauthorized wastewater discharge.	

F. Environmental audits.

N/A

G. Type of environmental management systems (EMSs).

N/A

H. Voluntary on-site compliance assessment dates.

N/A

I. Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program.

N/A

J. Early compliance.

N/A

Sites Outside of Texas

N/A

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



IN THE MATTER OF AN
ENFORCEMENT ACTION
CONCERNING
VILLAGE FARMS, L.P. DBA
VILLAGE FARMS OF MARFA
RN100817873

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BEFORE THE
TEXAS COMMISSION ON
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

AGREED ORDER
DOCKET NO. 2009-1177-MSW-E

I. JURISDICTION AND STIPULATIONS

At its _____ agenda, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the Commission" or "TCEQ") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement action regarding VILLAGE FARMS, L.P. dba Village Farms of Marfa ("the Respondent") under the authority of TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE ch. 361 and TEX. WATER CODE ch. 7. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, through the Enforcement Division, and the Respondent appear before the Commission and together stipulate that:

1. The Respondent owns and operates a hydroponic tomato farm at State Highway 17 North in Marfa, Presidio County, Texas (the "Facility").
2. The Facility involves or involved the management of municipal solid waste as defined in TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE ch. 361.
3. The Commission and the Respondent agree that the Commission has jurisdiction to enter this Agreed Order, and that the Respondent is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.
4. The Respondent received notice of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations") on or about July 15, 2009.
5. The occurrence of any violation is in dispute and the entry of this Agreed Order shall not constitute an admission by the Respondent of any violation alleged in Section II ("Allegations"), nor of any statute or rule.
6. An administrative penalty in the amount of Four Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$4,600) is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations").

The Respondent has paid One Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Dollars (\$1,840) of the administrative penalty and Nine Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$920) is deferred contingent upon the Respondent's timely and satisfactory compliance with all the terms of this Agreed Order. The deferred amount will be waived upon full compliance with the terms of this Agreed Order. If the Respondent fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with all requirements of this Agreed Order, the Executive Director may require the Respondent to pay all or part of the deferred penalty. One Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Dollars (\$1,840) shall be conditionally offset by the Respondent's completion of a Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP")."

7. Any notice and procedures, which might otherwise be authorized or required in this action, are waived in the interest of a more timely resolution of the matter.
8. The Executive Director of the TCEQ and the Respondent have agreed on a settlement of the matters alleged in this enforcement action, subject to the approval of the Commission.
9. The Executive Director recognizes that the Respondent completed the removal and disposal of the municipal solid waste to an authorized facility on July 13, 2009.
10. The Executive Director may, without further notice or hearing, refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas ("OAG") for further enforcement proceedings if the Executive Director determines that the Respondent has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions in this Agreed Order.
11. This Agreed Order shall terminate five years from its effective date or upon compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order, whichever is later.
12. The provisions of this Agreed Order are deemed severable and, if a court of competent jurisdiction or other appropriate authority deems any provision of this Agreed Order unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and enforceable.

II. ALLEGATIONS

As owner and operator of the Facility, the Respondent is alleged to have failed to prevent the unauthorized disposal of municipal solid waste, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 330.15(c), as documented during an investigation conducted on June 9, 2009. Specifically, approximately 350 tons (2,100 cubic yards) of baled tomato plants were disposed of at an unauthorized facility located at 1500 Evans Ranch Road, Fort Davis, Jeff Davis County, Texas (the "Site").

III. DENIALS

The Respondent generally denies each allegation in Section II ("Allegations").

IV. ORDERING PROVISIONS

1. It is, therefore, ordered by the TCEQ that the Respondent pay an administrative penalty as set forth in Section I, Paragraph 6 above. The payment of this administrative penalty and the Respondent's compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order resolve only the allegations in Section II. The Commission shall not be constrained in any manner from requiring corrective action or penalties for violations which are not raised here. Administrative penalty payments shall be made payable to "TCEQ" and shall be sent with the notation "Re: VILLAGE FARMS, L.P. dba Village Farms of Marfa, Docket No. 2009-1177-MSW-E" to:

Financial Administration Division, Revenues Section
Attention: Cashier's Office, MC 214
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13088
Austin, Texas 78711-3088

2. The Respondent shall implement and complete a SEP in accordance with TEX. WATER CODE § 7.067. As set forth in Section I, Paragraph 6 above, One Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Dollars (\$1,840) of the assessed administrative penalty shall be offset with the condition that the Respondent implement the SEP defined in Attachment A, incorporated herein by reference. The Respondent's obligation to pay the conditionally offset portion of the administrative penalty assessed shall be discharged upon final completion of all provisions of the SEP agreement.
3. The provisions of this Agreed Order shall apply to and be binding upon the Respondent. The Respondent is ordered to give notice of the Agreed Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Facility operations referenced in this Agreed Order.
4. If the Respondent fails to comply with any of the Ordering Provisions in this Agreed Order within the prescribed schedules, and that failure is caused solely by an act of God, war, strike, riot, or other catastrophe, the Respondent's failure to comply is not a violation of this Agreed Order. The Respondent shall have the burden of establishing to the Executive Director's satisfaction that such an event has occurred. The Respondent shall notify the Executive Director within seven days after the Respondent becomes aware of a delaying event and shall take all reasonable measures to mitigate and minimize any delay.
5. The Executive Director may grant an extension of any deadline in this Agreed Order or in any plan, report, or other document submitted pursuant to this Agreed Order, upon a written and substantiated showing of good cause. All requests for extensions by the Respondent shall be made in writing to the Executive Director. Extensions are not effective until the Respondent receives written approval from the Executive Director. The determination of what constitutes good cause rests solely with the Executive Director.
6. This Agreed Order, issued by the Commission, shall not be admissible against the Respondent in a civil proceeding, unless the proceeding is brought by the OAG to: (1) enforce the terms of this Agreed Order; or (2) pursue violations of a statute within the Commission's jurisdiction, or of a rule adopted or an order or permit issued by the Commission under such a statute.

7. This Agreed Order may be executed in multiple counterparts, which together shall constitute a single original instrument. Any executed signature page to this Agreed Order may be transmitted by facsimile transmission to the other parties, which shall constitute an original signature for all purposes under this Agreed Order.
8. Under 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.10(b), the effective date is the date of hand-delivery of the Order to the Respondent, or three days after the date on which the Commission mails notice of the Order to the Respondent, whichever is earlier. The Chief Clerk shall provide a copy of this Agreed Order to each of the parties.

SIGNATURE PAGE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission

John Szelmer
For the Executive Director

Date 11/13/2009

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the attached Agreed Order. I am authorized to agree to the attached Agreed Order on behalf of the entity indicated below my signature, and I do agree to the terms and conditions specified therein. I further acknowledge that the TCEQ, in accepting payment for the penalty amount, is materially relying on such representation.

I also understand that failure to comply with the Ordering Provisions, if any, in this order and/or failure to timely pay the penalty amount, may result in:

- A negative impact on compliance history;
- Greater scrutiny of any permit applications submitted;
- Referral of this case to the Attorney General's Office for contempt, injunctive relief, additional penalties, and/or attorney fees, or to a collection agency;
- Increased penalties in any future enforcement actions;
- Automatic referral to the Attorney General's Office of any future enforcement actions; and
- TCEQ seeking other relief as authorized by law.

In addition, any falsification of any compliance documents may result in criminal prosecution.

Michael E. Bledsoe, PLD
Signature

9-30-2009
Date

Michael E. Bledsoe
Name (Printed or typed)
Authorized Representative of
VILLAGE FARMS, L.P. dba Village Farms of Marfa

VP, Regulatory Affairs
Title

Instructions: Send the original, signed Agreed Order with penalty payment to the Financial Administration Division, Revenues Section at the address in Section IV, Paragraph 1 of this Agreed Order.

Attachment A
Docket Number: 2009-1177-MSW-E

SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

Respondent:	VILLAGE FARMS, L.P. dba Village Farms of Marfa
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SEP Amount:	One Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Dollars (\$1,840)
Type of SEP:	Pre-approved
Third-Party Recipient:	Texas Association of Resource Conservation and Development Areas, Inc. ("RC&D")- Unauthorized Trash Dump Clean-Up
Location of SEP:	Presidio County

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("TCEQ") agrees to offset a portion of the administrative Penalty Amount assessed in this Agreed Order for the Respondent to contribute to a Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP"). The offset is equal to the SEP Amount set forth above and is conditioned upon completion of the project in accordance with the terms of this Attachment A.

1. Project Description

A. Project

The Respondent shall contribute to the Third-Party Recipient pursuant to the agreement between the Third-Party Recipient and the TCEQ. Specifically, the contribution will be used to coordinate with city and/or county governmental officials regarding the clean up of sites where trash has been disposed of illegally. Eligible sites will be limited to those where a responsible party can not be identified and where there is no pre-existing obligation to clean up the site by the owner or the government. Additionally, reasonable efforts must have already been taken to prevent the dumping. SEP monies will be used to pay for the direct cost of collection and disposal of debris. All dollars contributed will be used solely for the direct cost of the project and no portion will be spent on administrative costs. The SEP will be done in accordance with all federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations.

The Respondent certifies that there is no prior commitment to do this project and that it is being performed solely in an effort to settle this enforcement action.

B. Environmental Benefit

This SEP will provide a discernible environmental benefit by helping rid communities of the dangers and health threats associated with non-regulated trash dumps which contaminate air and water, and harbor disease carrying animals and insects.

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C. Minimum Expenditure

The Respondent shall contribute at least the SEP Amount to the Third-Party Recipient and comply with all other provisions of this SEP.

2. Performance Schedule

Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, the Respondent must contribute the SEP Amount to the Third-Party Recipient. The Respondent shall mail the contribution, with a copy of the Agreed Order, to:

Texas Association of Resource Conservation and Development Areas, Inc.
1716 Briarcrest Drive, Suite 510
Bryan, Texas 77802-2700

3. Records and Reporting

Concurrent with the payment of the SEP Amount, the Respondent shall provide the TCEQ SEP Coordinator with a copy of the check and transmittal letter indicating full payment of the SEP Amount to the Third-Party Recipient. The Respondent shall mail a copy of the check and transmittal letter to:

Enforcement Division
Attention: SEP Coordinator, MC 219
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

4. Failure to Fully Perform

If the Respondent does not perform its obligations under this SEP in any way, including full payment of the SEP Amount and submittal of the required reporting described in Section 3 above, the Executive Director may require immediate payment of all or part of the SEP Amount.

The check for any amount due shall be made out to "Texas Commission on Environmental Quality" and mailed to:

Litigation Division
Attention: SEP Coordinator, MC 175
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13088
Austin, Texas 78711-3088

The Respondent shall also mail a copy of the check to the TCEQ SEP Coordinator at the address in Section 3 above.

5. Publicity

Any public statements concerning this SEP made by or on behalf of the Respondent must include a clear statement that the project was performed as part of the settlement of an enforcement action brought by the TCEQ. Such statements include advertising, public relations, and press releases.

6. Clean Texas Program

The Respondent shall not include this SEP in any application made to TCEQ under the "Clean Texas" (or any successor) program(s). Similarly, the Respondent may not seek recognition for this contribution in any other state or federal regulatory program.

7. Other SEPs by TCEQ or Other Agencies

The SEP identified in this Agreed Order has not been, and shall not be, included as an SEP for the Respondent under any other Agreed Order negotiated with the TCEQ or any other agency of the state or federal government.

